

# IN HOUSE SENATE

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## DEBATE ON THE BILL REPEALING DIFFERENTIAL DUTY ON SUGAR.

The Message Sent to the Finance Committee of the Senate—Notice of Interest to Income Tax Payers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The interest in the House to-day centered in the President's message, which was read after the body convened. There was a slight skirmish over its reference and that of the administration bill which Mr. Springer introduced, but both were referred to the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Wilson having waived jurisdiction of the debate on the message, which could have gone to the ways and means committee. Members were busy discussing the message and bill throughout the day, and gave little attention to the debate on the bill to repeal the discriminatory duty of the sugar imported from bounty-paying countries. At the conclusion of the debate to-day Mr. Wilson attempted to effect an amendment for the purpose of referring the debate to-morrow, but Mr. Grosvenor objected. Despite the objection, Mr. Wilson stated his purpose to try to secure a vote at the end of that time.

There was a good attendance on the floor when the House met, in anticipation of the President's message, and members stood around in little knots speculating on its contents and discussing generally the treasury situation. Postmaster-general Elwell was on the floor conferring with some of the Democratic leaders. The House was not kept long in suspense. While Mr. Lynch was trying to get unanimous consent to consider a bill to quiet the title to certain lands in Wisconsin, Mr. Prudden, the President's executive clerk, appeared and announced a message in writing from the President. Mr. Lynch's request was immediately objected to and Speaker pro tem, Richardson laid the message before the House. As the clerk began reading, the members took their seats and listened with intense eagerness to every word. Mr. Reed, Mr. Dingley and other Republican leaders followed the President's argument closely as did the Democrats. When the reading was concluded there was a burst of applause from the Democratic side, in which quite a number of Republicans joined.

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## SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

### Message Listened to with Interest—Indian Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The reading of President Cleveland's message on the financial situation formed the most interesting feature of to-day's session of the Senate. It was presented shortly after noon, and there was a very prompt filling up of empty chairs by Senators who were not on hand when the Senate met at 10 o'clock.

Views and recommendations were listened to with close attention both by Senators and by the occupants of the galleries, and when the reading of the message was concluded it was sent to the finance committee. Most of the day was taken up by the House in the consideration of the bill to repeal the discriminatory duty of the sugar imported from bounty-paying countries.

There was the utmost quiet in the Senate chamber while the President's message was being read. The President's message was the closest of attention. At the Sherman suggested that the message be referred to the finance committee. There was some objection on the part of several Senators, including Messrs. Stewart and Harris, who desired that the message should be on the table so that the President's message might submit some remarks on it. Mr. Sherman's motion prevailed, however, on a viva voce vote.

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